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PROCEEDINGS.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Columbus County,
Thursday, Nov. 6th, 1879.

The former Moderator, Elder Alexander Moore, called the house to order.

Bro. Hardy H. Smith read a portion of the 6th chapter of the gospel by Luke. Prayer by Elder Alexander Moore.

The congregation sang, "Behold the Saviour of Mankind," &c.

After announcement, Elder A. H. Thompson preached the Introductory Sermon from John, 7: 46: "The officers answered, never man spake like this man."

The congregation sang, "O speed thee, Christian, on thy way," &c.

The Association then took a recess of five minutes. Benediction by Elder Hanson Gore.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The congregation sang, "Did Christ o'er sinners weep." Prayer by Bro. Hardy H. Smith.

Roll of churches was called and a majority being present the Association was declared ready for business.

The election of officers being next in order, Elder Alexander Moore was re-elected Moderator; Hardy H. Smith, Clerk; Richard McDugald, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—Elder Hanson Gore, Thomas Baldwin, Richard McDugald, Elias McKenzie, John Robinson, Henry Flowers.
On Vigilance—The male members of Mount Olive Church.
On Finance—Jerry P. Pittman, W. F. Lennon.

On invitation, Bro. Peter Graves, of the Middle Eastern Association, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, the letters were called for, read and the delegates enrolled.

The Committee on Arrangements announced that Bro. Frisby Hall, aided by Bro. E. M. Thompson, would preach to-night, and Bro. Peter Graves, aided by Bro. Frank Atkinson, at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, after singing "Dismiss us with thy blessing, Lord," and being led in prayer by the Moderator. Benediction by Elder James Bright.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, November 7th, 1879.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Bro. Peter Graves read the 1st Psalm and the Association sang "New every morning is the love." Prayer by Bro. Graves.

The roll was called and a majority found to be present.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren and Eld. Haynes Lennon, of the Cape Fear Association, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

The proceedings of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

The following committees were appointed:

On Sabbath Schools—Elder James Bright, Elder Hanson Gore, and Bro. Jerry P. Pittman.

On Missions—Bro. Peter Graves, Elder Haynes Lennon, Bro. W. F. Lennon.

On Periodicals—Brethren Frank Atkinson, E. M. Thompson and Robert Ashley.

On Education—Elder Haynes Lennon, John A. Blount and Elder James W. Blanks.

On Special Changes—Malcom Lennon, Elder John Marly and Elder A. H. Thompson.

On invitation, Bro. H. Collier, of the Cape Fear Association, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

Mt. Zion and Shady Grove Baptist churches, Robeson county, came forward with letters and delegates, which were received and the delegates enrolled.

The Committee on Arrangements announced that Elder J. W. Blanks would preach at 11½ o'clock A. M., assisted by

Bro. E. A. Bell; Elder Haynes Lennon at 2 o'clock, P. M.; Bro. Peter Graves to-night, assisted by Bro. Jeff. Rush.

Upon invitation, Bro. Harrison Singletary, of Gray's Creek Association, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

The Committee on Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Your Committee feel the importance of missions to be the sending of the gospel to every nation under heaven, and the part assigned us in this great work at the present juncture is, first, *Home Work*. This department lays the foundation for more extended operations. Our peculiar situation of being thrown upon our own resources in the absence of experimental knowledge of the operative principles of the kingdom of Christ—of being surrounded by enemies as numerous as the legions of Satan—all conspiring to overthrow the work of the Lord. These facts demand that we unite in building up the house of the Lord over against our own dwellings so strongly and permanently, that we occupy our own territory until the coming of the Son of Man. Secondly, *State Work*, which brings our churches and Associations to co-operate harmoniously in the great work of evangelizing our own particular race of people, and thus fulfill the special commission conferred on us. Nor does this work confine its operations to our isolated condition in North America, but to our nation in Africa; hence, the undeniable necessity of *Foreign Work*, so as to bring ourselves in happy union and Christian fellowship with our people over the waters preparatory to the conversion of the kingdoms of this world to the kingdom of Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON,
PETER GRAVES,
FRENCH LENNON,
Committee.

Flag Patch Baptist church, Horry county, S. C., came forward with letter and delegates, which were received and the delegates enrolled.

The Association then took a recess for half an hour. Benediction by Elder Haynes Lennon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and the congregation joined in singing "Great is the Lord our God." Prayer by Elder J. W. Blanks.

After singing "Saviour bless thy word to all," Elder H. Lennon addressed the Association from Ephesians 4: 4, 5, 6: "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

On motion, Elders Haynes Lennon, James Bright, John Marley, Hanson Gore and A. H. Thompson were appointed a committee for examination of persons for ordination.

On motion, Elders Haynes Lennon, James Bright, A. H. Thompson and Hanson Gore were appointed to draft articles of faith for the consideration of this body.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The utility of this Christian enterprise is so apparent that opposition to it would savor of direct infidelity. We urge the constant encouragement of them in our churches, and that parents and guardians should move at the head of every school throughout the entire year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BRIGHT,
JERRY P. PITTMAN,
HANSON GORE,
Committee.

Elders John Croslin, Sharp Gore and Joshua Floyd came as Corresponding Messengers of Gray's Creek Association with correspondence, which were received and delegates seated.

The Committee on Special Changes made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your committee would most respectfully say that during the past year our Heavenly Father hath greatly preserved the lives of our working membership, and in the meantime hath abundantly blessed the churches of this Association with Christian grace and love.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WORLEY,
MACON LENNON,
Committee.

On motion, Elder Hanson Gore, and brethren Jas. Evans and Richard McDugald were appointed a committee to report the names and post offices of ministers of this body.

The Committee on Periodicals made their report, which, after discussion, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We would urge the taking and reading of the *Biblical Recorder*, the exponent of Baptist faith and practice of our denomination in our State.

We also recommend the *African Expositor*, published at Raleigh, N. C., by Elder C. Johnson. Respectfully submitted,

FRANK ATKINSON,
E. M. THOMPSON,
ROBERT ASHLEY,
Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned with singing and prayer. Benediction by Elder Haynes Lennon.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, November 9th, 1879.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll called and a majority found to be present. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on arrangements announced that Bro. E. A. Bell, aided by Bro. Frisby Hall, would preach at 10½ A. M.

The Committee on Articles of Faith made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Your committee have had the subject under consideration, and after mature deliberation are of opinion that as the churches have each of them adopted general articles of faith that the adoption of such by this Association is wholly unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON,
JAS. BRIGHT,
JOHN MARLEY,
A. H. THOMPSON,
HANSON GORE,
Committee.

The Committee on Education made the following report, which, after discussion, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education implies the drawing out the mind and moulding it in such form as to serve the practical purposes of life to the greatest possible advantage to our fellow-men and to the glory of God. Divine providence has thrown around us every available means to enable us to acquire the desired training of the body and mind, to serve the Lord's Christ, and in the meantime has adapted us for the reception of such culture as will fit us to glorify God in all the offices of life. If with such facilities we remain in ignorance we must expect the blight of heaven on our souls and the just condemnation of a righteous God on our children.

Your committee would most earnestly press the importance of educating our children in the various avocations of life for their usefulness in society and government, as well as for the glory and advancement of the Church of Christ. We cannot insist too strongly on *Ministerial Education*, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished to every good word and work —a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, but rightly dividing the Word of Life, may not only save themselves from the blood of all men, but those that hear them from eternal punishment.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON,
JOHN A. BLUNT,
J. W. BLANKS,
Committee.

On motion, Sandy Grove, Robeson county, N C., was selected as the place for holding the next annual session.

The Committee of Arrangements announced that Elder Morrison, assisted by Elder Joshua Floyd, would preach at 12 o'clock M.; Bro. Wm. B. Pope at 2 P. M., assisted by Eld. J. W. Blanks; Elder Joshua Floyd, assisted by Elder A. H. Thompson, at night.

On invitation, Elder E. W. Wooten and brethren J. C. Powell, W. M. Munroe, Caswell Porter, Wm. B. Pope and Barney Brown, of the Cape Fear Association, came forward and were welcomed to seats.

Mt. Tabor Baptist church, Columbus county, N. C., came forward with letter and delegates, which were received and the delegates enrolled.

The Clerk was ordered to have as many copies of the minutes printed as the funds will justify.

The Association then took a recess for half an hour. Benediction by Elder E. W. Wooten.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Hardy H. Smith. Roll called and a majority found to be present.

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted, and the committee ordered to pay over the amount received by them to the Treasurer:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have received from the churches, for Minute Fund, $16.41; for Missions, $6.30; which we hold at the option of the Association.

JERRY P. PITMAN,
W. F. LENNON,
Committee.

On motion it was ordered that the Constitution be appended to the Minutes.

Elders James Bright, John Marly, Hanson Gore, J. W. Blanks and Bro. Jerry P. Pittman were appointed an Executive Committee.

On motion, Corresponding Messengers with letters were appointed to the Gray's Creek, Pee Dee, Cape Fear and Waccamaw Associations, as follows:

Waccamaw—Elder E. W. Wooten to write the letter, and Elder John Marley and Bro. Richard McDugald as Messengers.

Cape Fear—Elder Haynes Lennon to write the letter, and Elders James Bright and Hanson Gore as Messengers.

Cedar Creek—Elder D. C McMillan to write the letter, and brethren E. A. Bell and H H. Smith as Messengers.

Pee Dee—Brethren Frisby Hall and Jerry P. Pittman as Messengers.

Gray's Creek—Elders Hanson Gore, James Bright and John Marley as Messengers.

Middle District—Brethren Frank Atkinson, and Dennis Powell as Messengers.

Elder Hanson Gore was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the opening of the next session, with Elder John Marley as alternate. Elder James Bright to preach the Missionary Sermon, with Elder A. H. Thompson as alternate.

The Executive Committee made the following report, which was adopted, and the committee ordered to pay over all money in their hands to the Treasurer; the thanks of the Association were tendered to the committee:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your committee, convened at Mt. Olive church in our first session January 4th, 1879, and found no unfinished business of the Association and no funds to start a missionary on the field. Elders H. Gore and John Marley volunteered to go forth and raise funds in our bounds for the support of home missions, and were recognized by us. They travelled and secured pledges amounting to $47.49. We then employed them to labor in this cause and collect the funds, and by this means we have raised $21.70, and after deducting all missionary expenses we have on hand at this time $8.65. Respectfully submitted.

JAMES BRIGHT,
JOHN MARLEY,
HANSON GORE,
ALEX. MOORE,
JERRY P. PITTMAN,
Committee.

The former Treasurer made a report showing a balance on hand of 25 cents, which he was ordered to pay over to the present Treasurer, together with all vouchers.

On motion the thanks of this Association were tendered Elder Haynes Lennon for special services, to the members of Mt. Olive church and the citizens of the community for kindness and hospitality, and also to the white brethren who assisted in the business of the Association.

On motion it was ordered that the collection taken tomorrow be given to associational purposes.

On motion, Elder Hanson Gore was appointed to act as Missionary for the next year.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $3 for services.

On motion, Elder D. C. McMillan was paid $5 for services.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk receive $2.50 for transcribing the minutes.

The Executive Committee were, on motion, ordered to transact all unfinished business.

The Minutes of to-day were read, corrected and adopted.

On motion, the Association agreed to adjourn after services to-morrow.

The Committee on Ministers and their Post Offices made the following report, which was adopted:

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Elder A. H. Thompson, Lumberton, Robeson county, N. C.
" Alexander Moore, " " " "
" J. W. Blanks, " " " "
" James Bright, Whiteville, Columbus " "
" Hanson Gore, " " " "
" John Marley, Peacock's Store, " " "
" N. D. Wooten, Clarkton, Bladen " "

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES EVANS,
RICHARD McDUGALD,
HANSON GORE,
Committee.

The Association then adjourned with prayer and benediction by Elder D. C. McMillan.

SUNDAY.

The morning was bright and beautiful and the audience of colored and white was large and attentive. Elder John Croslin addressed the congregation from Matthew, 24: 13, "But he that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved.'

At 12 M., Elder James Bright preached from Acts 16: 9, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." A collection of $10.31 was taken up.

At 2 P. M., Elder D. B. Dowe preached from Rev. 6: 17, "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand."

We believe that God was with us and that much good was done. The parting hand was given and the benediction pronounced. Thus ended our Second Annual Sossion.

ALEXANDER MOORE, *Moderator.*

HARDY H. SMITH, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called and known as the LUMBER RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. This body shall be composed of the ministers belonging to the churches connected with it, and three delegates from each church, and an additional delegate for every hundred members over two hundred

ARTICLE III. In the selection of these delegates the churches shall pay strict attention to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ARTICLE IV. The delegates thus appointed shall bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ARTICLE V. The Association shall select out of their number, annually, a Moderator, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by rising, and shall continue until the time for the annual election.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint committees on Finance, Vigilance, Arrangements, on Sabbath Schools, Missions, Periodicals, Education, and Special Changes, in the early part of each session.

ARTICLE VII. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority present at any annual session.

ARTICLE VIII. A faithful record shall be made of each annual session.

ARTICLE IX. It shall be the province of the Moderator to invite visiting brethren to seats and to request them to aid in our deliberations.

ARTICLE X. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Thursday before the second Lord's day in November, at such places as may be chosen.

ARTICLE XI. There shall be an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon preached at each annual session.

ARTICLE XII. An Executive Committee shall be appointed, to whom shall be referred all unfinished business.

ARTICLE XIII. No one shall be allowed to make more than two speeches, of ten minutes durationeach, on one subject or motion, and one reply of five minutes, without a special motion of the Association.

ARTICLE XIV. The constitution may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

State—Counties—Churches.	Names of Delegates.	Missions.	Baptized.	Rec by Let.	Restored.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Minute Fund.
COLUMBUS COUNTY.												
Fair Bluff	Henry Powell, R. J. Robinson, Guy Powell	$ 51	3	..	..	1	1	..	9	7	16	$ 1 00
Mill Branch	Henry Lewis, Joseph Beach, Matthew Todd	95	.....	1	..	..	2	..	14	23	37	1 00
Mt. Moriah	John Bullock, Sanker Frinks, Stephen Inman	50	2	..	1	..	5	1	23	29	52	1 05
Mt. Olive	Richard McDugald, James Evans, Elias McKenzie	50	15	2	..	2	10	1	47	82	129	1 00
Piney Grove	W. F. Lennon, Malcom Lennon, Wright Singletary	50	..	3	..	..	1	1	17	18	35	1 00
Mt. Tabor	H. C. Graham, Wright Dickson, Charles Dickson,	.....	....	..	..	1	..	..	8	29	37	50
ROBESON COUNTY.												
Aaron Swamp	Peter Gaddy, John H. Hunt, Giles Mitchell	60	5	..	3	..	2	..	18	20	38	1 30
Cedar Grove	Benjamin Crawford, Sandy Carlile	...	2	...	1	7	2	..	27	33	60	60
Hilly Branch	E. K. Thompson, Wm. Cobb, Alva Lennon	40	23	2	3	..	5	..	66	60	126	1 80
Holly Swamp	Jerry P. Pittman, James Powell, Dock Tuck	55	6	..	..	..	1	..	9	12	21	1 00
Pleasant Hill	W. W. Pittman, Frisby Hall, Drew Hill	45	7	1	3	1	23	4	62	128	190	3 00
Sandy Grove	H. H. Smith, J. P. Hedgepeth, Robert Love	74	8	3	3	4	5	1	23	71	94	75
Mt. Zion	John A. Blount, E. A. Bell, Henry Davis	...	57	27	..	1	..	..	37	46	83	1 00
Shady Grove	Neill Hunt, Malcom Jacobs, Giles L. Lovitt	...	5	12	..	..	..	..	7	8	16	40
HORRY COUNTY, S. C.												
Flag Patch	Abram Gore, George Hickman, Kelly Hickman.	1 00	.	..	..	..	2	..	12	27	38	1 00
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